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1 – At EPA, it's get sued, then crack down, Dallas Morning News, 5/26/14

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/metro/20140526-at-epa-its-get-sued-then-crack-down.ece>

By law, the Sierra Club says, the EPA had to determine that Dallas-Fort Worth had failed to attain legally clean air. The agency was required to publish that decision by Dec. 15, 2013. Although figures prove that ozone is still too high, the EPA didn't take any action in December. It still had not done so as of last week. After a required 60-day advance notice, the club, which has 600,000 members nationwide, filed its suit May 20 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

2 - Governments Await Obama's Move on Carbon to Gauge U.S. Climate Efforts, New York Times, 5/26/14

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/27/us/politics/governments-await-obamas-move-on-carbon-to-gauge-us-climate-efforts.html?_r=0

President Obama is expected to announce on Monday an Environmental Protection Agency regulation to cut carbon pollution from the nation's 600 coal-fired power plants, in a speech that government analysts in Beijing, Brussels and beyond will scrutinize to determine how serious the president is about fighting global warming.

3 – Another View: Louisiana is vital to nation's energy profile, Town Talk, 5/24/14

http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20140524/OPINION/305240005/?gcheck=1&nclick_check=1

Louisiana has a unique challenge: Make the rest of the nation realize how important our state is to the nation's supply of oil and gas and how vulnerable that supply is. A group of local government and business officials got a good chance to address that challenge last week.

4 – NM's Spaceport America earns LEED Gold, Abq Journal, 5/26/14

<http://www.abqjournal.com/406118/biz/nms-spaceport-america-earns-leed-gold-status.html>

The New Mexico Spaceport Authority has earned Gold status from the U.S. Green Building Council for the energy-efficient design and construction of Spaceport America. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification was awarded to the 110,000 square foot "Gateway to Space" terminal hangar building at Spaceport America, now under a 20-year lease to Virgin Galactic.

5 – Highway 190 construction, fracking debate dominate St. Tammany West Chamber's work in May Inside EPA, 5/23/14

http://www.nola.com/community/st-tammany/index.ssf/2014/05/highway_190_construction_frack.html

Each month I present our board of directors with a CEO report that details my schedule of events and meetings with member businesses, committees, legislators and more. It is a good exercise in more ways than one. While it lets the board I report to know what I am doing, it also enables me to look back with a sense of accomplishment.

6 – Pieces of former TXU prepare for future amid industry upheaval, Energywire, 5/27/14

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2014/05/27/stories/1060000185>

Texas is ready to find out just what the future holds for Energy Future. Nearly seven years has passed since the ill-fated takeover of TXU Corp. created Energy Future Holdings Corp. in a record leveraged buyout.

7 – Dry Permian Basin leading uptick in recycling in Texas, Energywire, 5/27/14

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2014/05/27/stories/1060000187>

Large-scale water recycling for hydraulic fracturing could be finally becoming a reality, thanks to the drilling boom underway in the parched Permian Basin of West Texas. Oil and gas industry watchers have long been looking to the Eagle Ford Shale for signs of an emerging side industry in the recycling of brackish, produced and used frack water for reuse in shale oil and gas extraction.

8 - Fracking should not be allowed on residentially zoned land, St. Tammany Parish tells the state, Times Picayune, 5/24/14

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/05/fracking_on_residentially_zone.html

Issuing a permit for an oil well on residentially zoned property near Mandeville would "not be a reasonable and appropriate exercise" of authority by the state Department of Natural Resources, St. Tammany Parish officials told the state agency in a letter on Friday. The letter, signed by Parish President Pat Brister and 13 of 14 members of the Parish Council, was sent to James Welsh, commissioner of DNR's Office of Conservation, which regulates oil and gas drilling in Louisiana, and to state Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Peggy M. Hatch.

9 – Editorial: Lessons learned from West disaster, Dallas Morning News, 5/25/14

<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/editorials/20140525-editorial-lessons-learned-from-west-disaster.ece>

A troubling theme keeps surfacing in the many lessons-learned studies from the April 17, 2013, explosion in West: It's difficult to prevent disaster and minimize casualties when neither the government nor the local population knows where the danger lies. Not only was that the case in West, where an ammonium nitrate fertilizer plant exploded and killed 15 people, but scores of other situations like it may exist around the country, according to a new Government Accountability Office report.

10 – Expert sees opportunity for Texas with climate rules, Houston Chron, 5/26/14

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/science-environment/article/Expert-sees-opportunity-for-Texas-with-climate-5505534.php>

The Environmental Protection Agency is preparing regulations for existing power plants that require deep cuts in emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases. The landmark rules, currently under review by the White House, are expected to be released Monday.

11 - Environmental groups held mock wedding between 'Big Oil' and state representatives, Times-Picayune, 5/23/14

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/05/environmental_groups_to_hold_m.html#incart_river

Environmental action groups held a mock wedding in St. Bernard Parish on Friday (May 23) between "Big Oil" and two state House representatives who support Senate Bill 469, which could block the east bank levee authority's wetlands damages lawsuit against 97 oil, gas and pipeline companies.

12 - Oklahoma Legislature Passes Controversial Tax Incentive for New Oil and Gas Wells, NPR State Impact, 5/22/14

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2014/05/23/oklahoma-legislature-passes-controversial-tax-incentive-for-new-oil-and-gas-wells/>

The Oklahoma Legislature on Thursday approved a bill that makes permanent a generous tax incentive for oil and gas production. The votes followed a heated debate at the Capitol, and months of disagreement between lawmakers, industry lobbyists and energy executives, which are divided on the measure.